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SUBJECT: FAHMY ADDRESSES ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMY OPENED ARAB FONMINS CONF CAIRO MAR 24 WITH ADDRESS IN WHICH HE CITED STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES GOVERNING GOE ACTIONS, OUTLINED EGYPT'S NATIONAL OBJECTIVES IN CONTEXT OF ME STRUGGLE, AND DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS GOE POSITION IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS. FAHMY STRESSED NEED FOR ARAB UNITY IN ACHIEVING AIMS OF ARAB CAUSE WITH RESPECT TO ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO ESTABLISH AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL ENTITY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDRESSING OPENING OF ARAB FONMIN CONFERENCE IN CAIRO MAR 24 FONMIN FAHMY DECLARED THREE "STRATEGIC" PRINCIPLES
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GOVERN EGYPTIAN ACTIONS:

- A) ENDING ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES "IS A NATIONAL OBLIGATION", PARTITIONING OR BARGAINING CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.
- B) MAINTAINING BROTHERHOOD IN ARMS WITH SYRIA. THIS RELATIONSHIP CANNOT BE ABROGATED BY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
- C) POSITIVE COMMITMENT TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE UNTIL THEY RECOVER THEIR RIGHTS.

3. FAHMY REFERRED TO EGYPT'S NATIONAL OBJECTIVES (IN CONTEXT OF ME STRUGGLE):

- A) SAFEGUARDING ARAB NATION AND CONSOLIDATING ITS EXISTENCE AGAINST EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL DIVISIONS.
- B) FREEING ARAB WILL AND REMOVING IT FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE, NARROW REGIONALISM, AND MAKING IT RESPONSIVE TO INTERESTS OF ARAB NATION.
- C) DEFENDING ARAB TERRITORY FROM SEA TO GULF AND NOT REMAINING SILENT IN SITUATIONS WHICH ENDANGER INTEGRITY OF ARAB LANDS.
- D) STANDING WITH FULL FORCE BEHIND PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE IN ORDER TO RESTORE THEIR RIGHTS, TO ENABLE THEM TO ESTABLISH AN AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL ENTITY ON THEIR OWN ARAB TERRITORY, AND ALSO TO PRESERVE ARABISM OF JEROSING TO BE DIVERTED BY SIDE ISSUES OR DIVISIONS WITHIN ARAB FAMILY FROM PRIMARY DESTINY-MAKING OBJECTIVE.

4. ARABIC PRESS INDICATED FAHMY GAVE FIVE FOLLOWING POINTS AS BASES FOR GOE POSITION IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS:

- A) REMAIN WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF A LIMITED MILITARY AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE ISRAEL MUST PLEDGE NOT TO EMBARK ON MILITARY OR PARA-MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST SYRIA. EGYPT WOULD INDICATE IN WRITING THAT IN EVENT OF VIOLATION, SHE WOULD HONOR HER COMMITMENTS TO SYRIA.
- C) US PRES SHOULD SUBMIT WRITTEN ASSURANCES USG WILL EXERT POSITIVE ACTIVE EFFORTS TO SECURE ANOTHER DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ON GOLAN FRONT BEFORE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.
- D) AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT AND IT SHOULD BE OBSTRUCT HOLDING OF GENEVA CONF WHICH OUGHT TO BE CON-UNCLASSIFIED

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VENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

- E) CONFIRMATION OF EGYPT'S RIGHT TO EXERCISE LEGITIMATE SELF DEFENSE.

5. FAHMY SAID THAT ISRAEL REQUESTED EGYPT AGREE TO TERMINATION OF STATE OF WAR, WHEN SHE KNEW GOE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS EXCEPT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT WHICH GUARANTEED ARAB NATION RECOVERY OF ITS TERRITORIES AND RIGHTS OF

PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ISRAEL THEN SUBMITTED NUMEROUS FORMULAS AND RESORTED TO MANEUVERS ALL WITH A VIEW TO ENDING STATE OF WAR. ALL THESE EFFORTS WERE MET WITH FIRM REJECTION.

6. COMMENT: GENERAL TENOR OF PRESS REPORTING IS TO LAY BLAME SQUARELY ON ISRAEL. WHILE THERE IS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FAILURE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MAKE FURTHER HEADWAY, THERE IS SENSE OF UNDERLYING APPRECIATION FOR AMERICA'S EFFORTS. IN BACKHANDED REACTION AL AHRAH STATES "EGYPT'S POSITIVE RESPONSE TO AMERICAN ATTEMPT WAS NOT WASTED...IT PROVED TO WORLD SOUNDNESS OF EGYPT'S POSITION AND SINCERE ARAB DESIRE FOR PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE. COMMENTS OF EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS TO WHOM AMEMBASSY HAS SPOKEN HAVE ALSO REFLECTED GRATITUDE FOR OUR EFFORTS.
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